up and passed.



ALEXANDRIA:

FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 15, 1861.

Congress.-In the Senate yesterday, Mr. Douglas' resolution in relation to public property, was discussed. A resolution to omit the names of the Senators from the seceded States, in calling the roll, was adopted.

THE STATE CONVENTION, -- Ex-President Tyler concluded his speech yesterday, commenced on the day previous. The propositions of the Peace Conference were referred to the Committee on Federal Relations .-The majority report of the Committee will be taken up to-day.

VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE .- In the Senate, on Wednesday, the bill for the incorporation of the Richmond and Liverpool Packet Company was passed. The Committee for Courts of Justice, to whom was referred a resolution asking for a Stay Law, reported it inexpedient to make any such recommendation. In the House of Delegates the bill for the inspection of guano was, on motion of Mr. McKenzie, referred. The bill for the voluntary enslavement of free negroes, without compensation to the Commonwealth. with a ryder attached, passed. The bill to ratify the sale of the James River and Kanawha Canal was amended and ordered to be engrossed.

The noble sentiment-so exultingly, enthusiastically, and unanimously adopted precious to the election of the Virginia Convention-of holding on to the fortunes of Virginia, whatever they might be-submitting to the decision of the representatives of the people and the will of the people-being true and loval sons of Virginia-never forsaking her soil or her destinies, and all that -is now, we are sorry to see, just as exultingly repudiated in certain quarters. Exaggerated statements are made of the determination of citizens "indignantly to quit the State," if it does not secede, and are now often published, with commendation of the spirit which induces such a resolution, &c. We note these things with regret. There would, it is true, be very few who would leave Virginia for such a cause—especially during the present crisis, when under any and all circumstances, in or out of the Union, Virginia would be the best State to live in on the continent of America-but the change of tone cannot but be contrasted with previ-

The Richmond Whig expresses the hope that the Administration at Washington, seeing the good result produced by the evacuation of Fort Sumter, will follow up the policy they have commenced, and immediately resolve on the evacuation of Fort Pickeus. and all other places now held by the Federal Government within the limits of the seceded States. This done, the secession movement will have an abrupt and final end in all the Border States, and the probability of an ultimate restoration of the Union, including each and all of the seceded States, will increase rapidly with each recurring day, until that consummation, so devoutly desired by every patriot in the land, will be surely

It is stated in letters from Washington that "Mr. Seward has to-day addressed a note to the Commissioners of the "Confederated States," in reply to their application for an interview, declining to receive them "from motives of high public consideration." This is regarded as giving a quietus to the mission, as they desired an interview with Mr. Seward to arrange an interview with the President. Messrs. Crawford and Forsyth have telegraphed to President Davis the result of their application to Mr. Se ward, and are awaiting instructions to return home." If this be so, it will be authoritatively known in a few days."

A brother-in-law of Dr. Wirt, of West moreland county, Va., has published the substance of a conversation held by Dr. Wirt with Salmon P. Chase, the present Secretary of the Treasury, in February last, in which Mr. Chase expressed the most obnoxious anti-Southern and coercive sentiments. His appointment in Lincoln's cabinet was every way improper, and cannot be too strongly condemned. It is said in some quarters that there is no cordiality or agreement between him and some other members

The Richmond Dispatch believes, and has been informed, that the U. S. Government intends to strengthen Old Point, to concentrate troops there, &c., &c.; and it, therefore, recommends that the people of Virginia should not allow another soldier or another pound of powder to enter that Fortification! precipitated without legal authority, and contrary to existing law?

Henry W. Thomas, esq., the Senator from this District, made a very able speech in the State Senate against the Strasburg Exten- with the best French fabries .- Rich. Disp. sion bill. previous to its indefinite postponeeffect was undoubted.

The New York Post is explaining to the government at Washington the difficulties and expense that will be incurred in any harbors of the seceded States.

pany have declared a dividend of 3 per cent on the stock of the main stem of their road, and 45 per cent on that of the Washington branch, for the past six months.

The Richmond Whig recommends that the Virginia State Convention adopt the recommendation in favor of a Conference of the Border Slaveholding States-utter an earnest and solemn protest against coercion on the part of the Federal Government towards the seceded States -pass a resolution approving, endorsing and recommending the Peace Conference settlement as a just and equitable basis of a final adjustment of the difficulties between the two sections-and, finally, adjourn over until next autumn .-The Whig is strongly in favor of a Border State Convention.

The Alamo (Texas) Express says:-"From the complexion of affairs in our State little can be gleaned of a definite character .--Bankruptcy and ruin seem to be following swiftly at the heels of the secession movement, and like an evil genius secession stands ready to spread war, famine and pestilence in our midst. But who can fathom the future? Sufficient unto human wisdom are the events of to-day. He who rules the universe alone can dispose of to-morrow .-Things are bad enough now; they may be better; they may be worse; God grant that they may be better."

The Navy Department have received dispatches from Commodore Bell, commanding this squadron, dated U. S. flag-ship Richmond, Messina, 16th February, ult. The Iroquois arrived at Naples on the 30th January, and was remaining there. Matters continued greatly unsettled at Naples, and an attack on the citadel at Gaeta was daily oked for. On the 15th February an accilent occurred, resulting in the death of John Fitzgerald, seaman, and serious but not fatal njury to Joseph Heirimings, seaman, and Lorenzo Messina, musician.

The Washington Star of yesterday afternoon says:-"We hear that the Hon. Thomas Corwin yesterday addressed a letter to the President, thanking him kindly for his flattering tender of the Mexican mission, but declining to accept it. It is understood that Mr. Corwin was not an applicant for any position under the executive branch of the

The evacuation of Fort Sumter having been determined upon by the President, the United States steamer Crusader has been detailed to proceed from New York to Charleston and embark Major Anderson and the garrison under his command and convey them to some other port.

An arrival at New Orleans brings the news that the British Government has recognized the Constitutional Government in Mexico; and that Gen. Uraga has accepted the mission from Mexico to the United

We are requested to say, in correction of an article which appeared in this paper some days ago, that the Hon. Charles E. Sinclair has removed to and settled in Memphis, Tennessee, and not to Mobile, Ala- York.

The President has renominated Mr. Chas. B. Throckmorton of Md., to a second lieutenancy in the fourth artillery. Mr. T. was nominated by Mr. Buchanan, and that nomination not being acted on, fell through,

A despatch from Savannah states that the report of the seizure of the stock of the Macon Railroad-held by Northern suscribers -by the Georgia authorities is devoid of

A large edition of the speech of Mr. Summers, recently delivered in the Virginia Convention, will be published in pamphlet form at the office of the Richmond Whig.

Bishon Scott presides at the Baltimore Annual Conference M. E. Church, which commenced its session at Staunton yesterday.

Gen. Scott is now roundly abused at the North for advising the evacuation of the Southern Fortifications.

The necessity for an extra session of Congress is strongly urged in some of the papers of the Northern States.

Appointments, Resignations, &c .- It is aid that both Mr. Corwin and Mr. Clay decline the mission to Mexico and Spain, which have been tendered them.

The President nominated Col. Summer as Brigadier General, vice Gen. Twiggs, in accordance with the regular order of promo-The following are the confirmations made

by the Senate: John C. Goodrich, collector

at Boston; George W. McLellan, Second Assistant Postmaster General; Dewitt C Littlejohn, consul at Liverpool; William H. Vessey, Consul at Aix La Chapelle; Lucius G. Forbes, postmaster at Beloit, Wisconsin; John J. Speed, postmaster at Louisville, Ky.: George Harrington, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury : J. P. Baker, of Nebraska, agent for the Orea and Menomenee Indians. Secretary Cameron's appointment of Mr. John Potts as Chief Clerk of the War Department is in acknowledgment of services rendered by that gentleman during the past twenty-five years. Mr. Mark H. Cobb, of Pennsylvania, has been appointed Disbursing Clerk in the War Department. Mr. I. C. De Leon, of South Carolina, a clerk

in the Topographical Bureau, has resigned.

Solicitor of the Court of Claims. SALE OF WOOLEN GOODS .- The sale of a large lot of cloth, cassimeres, &c., manufactured at the Crenshaw Woolen Mills, took place yesterday at one of the stores under the Spetswood House and was attended by a number of dealers from Petersburg, Lynchburg and Norfolk. The fabries elicited the universal commendation of all the dealers present. In consequence however of the lateness of the season, a preference was given to thin goods, and but a small quantity comparatively of the heavy cloth Does the Dispatch want this new move to be was disposed of. The sale was made more for the purpose of introducing the goods to the market than anything else, and in that view was successful. We have seen some splendid specimens of broadcloth, and docskin cassimere, lately made at the above mills which would bear favorable comparison

SMUGGLING POWDER .-- We were informed ment. His argument was a conclusive one, this morning by a gentleman of undoubted the Conservative Union party held on the and a complete refutation of the views of veracity that some time last week 250 bales | 11th inst., John G. Lane, esq., Chairman, the Senators who supported the bill. Its of oakum were landed at the Gosport Navy | Charles Green, esq., was nominated for the Yard and each bale was found to contain a House of Delegates, and James K. Marshall keg of gunpowder. The Schooner Mist is for the State Senate, subject to the decision said to have brought them from New York of a Convention to be held at Warrenton on and our informant said that the Captain of | the 4th Monday in this month. Delegates the Schr. was his authority. If the report is were appointed to meet at Culpeper Court correct our curiosity is quite excited to know House in a Congressional Convention to nomattempt now to collect duties in or off the the why and wherefore of the smuggle and inute for Congress. James Barbour and why some non-combustible material was not | Geo. W. Brent were spoken of, but the Del-The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Com- used for the purpose of concealment. The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Com- whole affair looks improbable, but stranger The Democratic party of Rappahannock things may and have happened, which nominated J. T. Fletcher for the House of would not have excited as much wonder as Delegates, and appointed delegates to meet does this, from the excited and unsettled at Warrenton, on the 4th Monday in this state of public affairs. - Norfolk Day Book month, to nominate a candidate for the State

NEWS OF THE DAY.

To show the very age and body of the TIMES." Large quantities of arms and munitions of war continue to go South from New York, notwithstanding the vigilance of that remarkable man, Superintendent Kennedy The steamer Jamestown, which left on Tuesday for Norfolk, had her main deck literally loaded with gun carriages, and rifles in boxes and cases. The former were shipped to the order of Capt. Randolph, of Virginia, and were manufactured at Troy. The impression is, that their real destination is

some point farther South. Though Southern demand for a month back has revived business at New York, and brought out of warehouses some three millions of dollars' worth of commodities more than were put in during the same time, yet the falling off of revenue for said month, as compared with that of the corresponding within two years next ensuing. period of last year, is probably not much less than three-fourths of a million of dol-

The missing steamer Australasian is a propeller of about seven hundred horsepower. Her provisions against fire, strandand a large number of boats. She has four ayes 17, noes 28. water-tight compartments. About fifty passengers embarked on her at Liverpool, for

hundred routes in New York and in the New England States, will be opened on the 31st instant. The annual cost of carrying the mails in these States, under existing contracts, is \$1,002,065; of this \$728,762 is paid for the transportation of the mails over 5,444 miles of railroad.

A contractor on the Mobile and Ohio Railroad communicates to the Mobile Tribune, that he sold, on the 15th, his force of seventy odd slaves, (which he has had on the construction of this road,) men, women, and boys, at an average of \$1,370.50, at twelve months' credit, with interest.

The New York police, just before daybreak on Tuesday morning, made a descent upon a fashionable gambling establishment, kent at 4 Clinton Place by one Geo. Beers, and took into custody a party of thirty individuals, together with a number of dealing boards, faro boxes, money checks, &c.

Captain M. T. Goldsborough, of Talbot county, Md., visited Easton, in good health, last Saturday; but on returning home, was seized with apoplexy, and died the next morning, in the 49th year of his age. He was one of the wealthiest and most enterprising farmers of Talbot.

Mr. Henry Aucker, an old and respected, | marle: and supposed wealthy citizen of Juniata county. Pa., was brutally murdered on the evening of the 9th instant, by two strangers, who came to his house, and presenting a pistol demanded his money.

The New York Central Railroad, in anticipation of the opening of the Canals, has reduced the rates on flour to 65 cents per

The vote in the Mountain District for delegates to the Convention, is, says the Raleigh Register, a very decided repudiation of Senator Clingman's fire-eating proclivities .-His own county is dead set against him.

Hon, John J. Crittenden has accepted the invitation of the City Council of Boston to visit that city, and he is expected there the early part of next week.

The Georgia State Convention has formally transferred its forts, arsenals, arms, and munitions of war to the "Confederate

The new code of laws for Maryland contains a stringent enactment against all secret societies of colored persons in that State.

## Letter from Richmond.

Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette. RICHMOND, March 13, 1861.—On yesterday, the famous Monsieur Tonsin bill, as Mr. Thomas denominated it, the Strasburg extension, was called up by Mr. Ishell, of Jefferson, who proceeded to reply to the able and elaborate speech made by Mr. Thomas, when the subject was under discussion some

Mr. Thomas replied to Mr. Isbell, and, in the course of half an hour, he exposed the pretence by which the bill was sustained. He showed conclusively, that as far back as 1851 the authorities of the Winchester and Potomac Rail Road had looked exclusively to the city of Baltimore to obtain the money to build the road, and that at that time it was avowed that by making the connection they would draw the trade over the Manussas from the west and take it to Baltimore. So powerful and overwhelming was the argument of Mr. Thomas, that more than one Senator, in my knowledge, who had promised to support the bill, yielded to the force of the objections to the scheme and declared their opposition thereto.

A petition of 700 in favor of the scheme. together with lobby members from Winchester, and strong outside influence, was brought to bear, but all to no purpose. exandria need have no fears that this bill can pass so long as she has the able and indetatigable Thomas in the Senate-so thoroughly conversant is he with the operation and connexions of our improvements, that he can readily expose the evils which will LOUDOUN.

Another Terrific Gale in England .-John L. Haves, Esq., has been appointed | On Wednesday, February 20th, a furious gale swept over London and the surrounding country. In fact, it amounted to a perfeet hurricane, and great was the consternation generally caused by the falling of stacks of chimneys, walls, palisades, and everything which afforded a butt to the wind and was not of sufficient strength to resist its violence. The houses in the more exposed situations were shaken to their foundations. much to the terror of the inhabitants. A large destruction of property is reported .-The north wing of the Crystal Palace at Sydenham was totally destroyed. In Gloucestershire and Worcestershire the loss of property was very great. Trees in hundreds were thrown down, and many houses were unroofed. At Southampton and other points on the coast great damage was done functions terminated in submitting the Seto the shipping. Throughout the west of cession Ordinance to the people. He tells phatic language, England the trains were delayed and tele- the Convention that he and the Legislature, graphic communication seriously interrup- which meets on the 18th inst., will attend to

RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY .- At a meeting of

Senate.

VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE.

In the Seante, on Wednesday, on motion f Mr. Johnson, the rules were suspended, and House bill to incorporate the Richmond and Liverpool Packet Company was taken

rate a company to construct a railroad from tive matters. There were several nomina-Strasburg to Winchester. On motion of Mr. Coghill, Senate bill for

the relief of the Orange and Alexandria Railroad was taken up, and Mr. Wickham | not transpired. offered a substitute, and it was adopted by a vote of 28 to 8. The substitute provides that it shall

lawful for the Orange and Alexandria Railroad Company to pay on or before the first day of January, 1864, with interest thereon | romantic case, in which Mrs. Myra Clark at the rate of six per cent, per annum from the day on which such arrearages became due, such temporary arrearages as may be now due, or may become due to the State

A motion to reconsider the vote by which the issue of treasury notes was passed gave rise to a discussion of some length as to the merits of the amendment of Mr. Brannon. neorporated in the bill. The amendment royides that the issue shall not be made unless the Convention now in session shall so ing, or leakage, are good-she having one direct. A motion to lay on the table and independent donkey engine, good pumps, make the order of the day was rejected-The motion to reconsider the vote by

Bids for carrying the mails on nearly nine | bill had been read a third time was also re-The motion to reconsider the vote on the amendment, resulted in-ayes 24, noes 20.

The motion recurring on the adoption of the amendment, it was rejected-aves 21, The bill, with but a few slight verbal amendments, was passed-ayes 32, noes 11. Mr. Coghill, from the Committee for

Courts of Justice, to whom was referred a resolution asking for a stay law, reported it inexpedient. In the House of Delegates, Senate bill au-

thorizing the inspection of guano and ground plaster was read twice.

Mr. McKenzie desired the bill to be sent to the proper committee. He was of opinion that these inspectorships were nothing more than the imposition of an unnecessary tax upon the people of Virginia. It operated to pay certain persons large salaries for doing nothing. He was opposed to the neration of political tricksters and party wireworkers. The bill was committed.

The bill for the voluntary enslavement free negroes, without compensation to the Commonwealth, was taken up and passed. after the following rider had been attached to it, offered by Mr. Magruder, of Albe-

"The master or mistress of any free negro perctofore voluntarily enslaved, shall have the same right to the custody, control and services of any infant child or children of any such negro so enslaved, as herinebefore proviled for; but, before the master or mistress shall be entitled to the custody, control and the property of her deceased father, now in | Baird and Speake Ligget. services of such child or children, he or she the hands of Alfred Henning; but there is shalf appear before a Court of Record, and dains to such custedy, control and services, which claim shall be entered of record; but if any such negro child has been heretofore bound out by the overseers of the poor of any county or corporation, the articles of indenture shall in nowise be affected hereby."

The bill, as thus amended, passed with but few dissenting voices. The unfinished business of Tuesday came up next in order, being the bill to ratify the sale of the James River and Kanawha Canal. Several amendments were offered, which were discussed at length. The bill was then ordered to its engrossment.

## THE STAIR CONVENTION.

In the Convention, on Wednesday, the consideration of the report from the Commissioners to the Peace Conference was re-

Mr. Tyler (Ex-President) being entitled to the floor, proceeded to address the Convention in a criticism of the plan of adjust ment adopted by said Conference. He commenced with a general review of the origin and progress of the Abelition party, and charged the leaders of that party with misleading the public will and judgment at the North for their own aggrandizement. On assuming the position of Commissioner, he determined to confine himself to the instructions of the Legislature, by endeavoring to estore the Constitution and the Union, and was cheered with hope until the Conference proceeded to set. He then discovered that he members of the dominant party came there with no olive branch; the feeling of fraternity seemed all to be gone, and they had nothing to yield—the Constitution was

enough for them. Nevertheless, he worked hard, and no man ever had more faithful colleagues; but it was soon obvious that no measure could be adopted by that body which would conform to the requirements of

Mr. T. then proceeded at some length to somment upon the projet adopted by the Conerence, and to reply to the arguments presepted by Mr. Summers.

Before concluding his remarks, he yielded the floor for a motion to adjourn, which was submitted by Mr. Sheffey, and agreed to by the Convention.

THE INFORMAL MARYLAND STATE CONFER-EXCE assembled in this city, closed its business yesterday and adjourned for the present. The action of the Conference is sim ply a negation of the necessity for any action on the part of Maryland at present. It being declared that "the policy and interests of grow out of any competing schemes thereto. | Maryland require that no action shall be taken by which the State shall be committed until the State of Virginia shall have determined the question of a proposed Conference or some other measure requiring the co-operation of this State." The Convention further resolved that the proposition for a Conference among the Southern Border States, by delegates deriving authority from the people, would meet the approval of Maryand, and appointed a Committee to visit the Virginia Convention and express to them "the foregoing assurance." What will be the exact mission of the gentlemen appointed upon this Committee, or under what authority can they claim a recognition from the irginia Convention?—Baltimore American

FROM TEXAS. - GALVESTON, March 11 .-Gov. Houston has refused to recognize the State Convention. He considers that its public questions. He favors the holding of Confederacy. The Convention in reply have passed on Ordinance claiming full sovereign owers, promising to consummate as speedias possible the connection of Texas with the Confederate States. The Convention will at once require all officers of the State to take an oath of allegiance to support the new Covernment and earry out the Convention ordinances. It is reported that Clark will be put in Gov. Houston's place, if the latter refuses to take the oath. It is also reported that Gov. Houston is raising troops on his own account. (?) Fifteen hundred Texan troops are at and near Brownsville.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, March 14 .- The discussion in the Senate, to-day, on the resolutions of Messrs. Douglas and Fessenden, was able and protracted, but before taking a vote on Mr. Gatewood reported a hill to incorpo- them, the body decided to engaged in Executions sent in, but the names of the favored ones, and the places assigned to them have

The chamber in which sits the highest Judicial tribunal known to the Constitution. was the place of commanding interest today. The substance of the important deeision made to-day in the celebrated, almost Gaines figures as the heroine, has, ere this, been transmitted over the wires to every section of the country. I will endeavor, as briefly as possible, to furnish your readers with the outlines of the case.

Mrs. Gaines (widow of General Edmund Gaines) was born in the City of New Or leans. Her reputed father was Daniel Clark. for many years a citizen of New Orleans, engaged in extensive mercantile transacfions, and dying there left an immense estate. Myra Clark was brought up in the ignorant of the name of her father, and of course, the property to which she was enti- participated. tled until she had reached perhaps the age which the bill was passed was then carried of twenty. Some years afterward she took -ayes 25, noes 19. The vote by which the legal steps to obtain the possession of the estate, and the case has been in the Court of Louisiana, in the Federal Circuit Court, and in the Supreme Court of the United States, in all, say twenty years.

The Executors of Daniel Clark, presented every obstacle in the way of the fair and wronged claimant, and the difficulties with which she has had to contend, the expenses incurred, and the persecutions she has been subjected to, would have sunken and overwhelmed any other lady not blessed with her heroic courage, and indomitable will. I doubt whether those women of historic fame, to whom these memorials be referred. Queen Elizabeth of England, and Queen "Isabella the Catholic" of Spain, females as all the world know, were remarkable for their boldness, perseverance, and almost superhuman powers of endurance, during their eventful career, ever had more startling, and what | the present session. seemed to be insurmountable trials to grapple with than those which have followed the lady about whom I am writing. The night has been a long and gloomy one, but the light which shone in the temple of justice so tardy.'

Justice Wayne was the organ of the court in pronouncing the decision, which is in favor of the lady on every particular. Judge Catron, it is said, was the only dissenting Justice. The point upon which the whole case turned was the legitimacy or illegitimaev of the claimant. The court were of the pinion that the proof was entirely satisfacory that Daniel Clark, and the mother of Myra, were lawfully married, and that consequently she was the legal heir of Clark.

The decision secures to Mrs. Gaines, all dividuals, not yet decided. The cases howreal estate of Daniel Clark, lies in New Orleans, several parishes in Louisiana, and in one or two millions.

Many employ much larger figures in estimating the value of the estate than I have

There was a lovely display of the softer sex in Court, and Mrs. Gaines's face was covered with smiles.

Although the principle is fully established in the decision, the parties retaining the bulk of the property may yet give Mrs. G a vast deal of trouble, and she may possibly have to pass through years of vexatious litigation, in the court of Louisiana, to recover and out of the court room.

out comosel for Mrs. G. His tee was a con- fairs, relative to the clearance of British vestingent one, and the sum named is two hun-

dred thousand dollars. The great Kentucky and Ohio mandamns case was also decided by Chief Justice Taney n favor of the last named State. The opinion, in effect, is, that it is as morally wrong | men professing to act on behalf of the Conto take or withhold a slave from his owner, as it is to take a horse or any other species of property, yet there is no power in the owners and captains of British vessels in con-Federal Constitution) to command or coerce | siderable difficulty, inasmuch as the laws of One of the warmest admirers of Justice

John McLean, of the Supreme Court, informs me that the health of that emisent Jurist is fast declining, and that serious apprehensions are entertained that he will not be able to resume his seat on the bench. This will be painful intelligence to the numerous friends of the Judge. The Republican newspapers of to-day,

contains an article on the policy of the ailministration, which strongly favors Union, harmony, and peace. It is written with ability, and a fraternal spirit, and it is surmised that it is the production of one in high position, and may be considered semi-

We have had another cabinet meeting tolay. Rumor says that the appointment of erritorial officers, and the Sardinian Mision were the topics of discussion. Carl Schurz, and Mr. Burlingame, of Massachusetts, are aspirants for the nice birth at the Sardinian Court, and present appearances indicate that the German red Republican will win the prize.

HON. JOHN COCHRANE IN RICHMOND .- A number of the personal friends of Col. Geo. W. Lav. who lately resigned his commission in the U. S. Army, serenaded him on Wednesday night at the Exchange Hotel, in arisen out of slavery; and secondly, that they Richmond. Colonel L. was introduced by | had with the United States a treaty for the pre-Lient. Gov. Montague, and responded to the | vention of the slave trade, the relinquishment compliment in a short speech. Hon, John of which he believed would be as injurious Cochrane, of New York, being at the Hotel, to their interests as destructive to their honor was called out, and his speech, briefly deliv- | and the cause of humanity. [Hear, hear.] ered, was one of rare eloquence. He assured his hearers that there were thousands of true hearts at the North beating in unison with theirs; and that, if war was forced upon the country, the battle would not be against ! the South alone, but that Northern bayonets | Monday next, and I may further say that would be pointed against Northern bosoms. | that correspondence is highly honorable to He expressed strong hope of an eventual restoration of the Union, and said that Virginia in a position of great difficulty, not being now held the destiny of the country in her able to acknowledge the new government hands. Coercion he denounced in most em- which sprung up, but at the same time he did

THE VIRGINIA PENITENTIARY .- The annual report of the Board of Directors for the

There were 389 free persons and 68 slaves in the penitentiary at the above date. COUNTRY BACON,-We have a large lot of Country Cured Hams and Sides, of very superior quality, [mh 9] KNOX & BRO. the legal rights of parties to Louisiana suits pending before U. S. Courts. So that action

Proceedings of the Baltimore Annual Conference-First Day.

REPORTED FOR THE ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE. met in the newly built M. E. Church. Bishop Scott, presiding.

The Conference was opened with the hymn commencing "Except the Lord, &c." ed in prayer.

The roll was then called by Jno. S. Martin, Secretary of the last Conference. On motion, John S. Martin was unanimausly elected Secretary of the Conference. James S. Armstrong was elected Assistant

Rev. Norvel Wilson presented the memorial of the Laymen's Convention of Baltimore Conference. He moved that it be read and made the order of the day for to-morrow

at 10 o'clock. Rev. J. Lanahan, from Alexandria, read

a similar one. Several others were presented and read. Upon the question as to whether the moion of Rev. N. Wilson should be carried, or these memorials be referred to a select committee, composed of two members from each Presiding Elder's district, quite an able and animated discussion was elicited, in which family of a friend, and she was kept entirely | Revs. N. Wilson, E. P. Phelps, J. Myers, Wm. Hirst, B. N. Brown and Thos. Sewall

Thomas Sewall offered an amendment to the motion of N. Wilson-when the Laymen's Convention shall have reported-yeas 66, navs 63. Carried. A division of the question was called for.

Rev. Mr. Thomas moved a substitute for the first part--that all be received and read -which was carried and adopted. The question recurred on adoption of the

second part-that these be made the order of the day for to-morrow-carried. Rev. Mr. - offered a substitute for the second part of Mr. Wilson's motion-that the preachers from each district select two

of their number to constitute a Committee

This was lost, and Mr. Wilson's motion From 9 A. M. to 1 P. M. was agreed upon by the Conference for its session.

Rules of the last session were adopted for Samuel V. Leech was elected reporter for

the "Baltimore Christian Advocate." The Secretary then proceeded to read in suceession, the memorials from the "Layman's Convention of Baltimore," from the Light principle of creating officers for the remu | to-day, has scattered and dispelled the dark- Street meeting of Baltimore, from the Alex-"Justice has come at last, though ever | andria Quarterly Conference, and one from Frankfort, Ky., and also one from Ashters-Conference. The Standing Committees were appointed

> Necessities Cases--Wm. Hirst, Wm. Prettyman, Chas. Parkison, Sol. McMullen, Stephen Smith, D. N. Arnald and S. D. Nixon. Dickenson College-S. V. Blake, W. B. ly, J. C. Dice and J. W. Cornelius. Seminaries-B. P. Bunn, J. A. McCau-

Temperance-Hoover, Cassedev, Jno. H.

ever are identical in every particular. The Reid, David Thomas, Isaac Gibson, J. W. Woolfe, W. S. Edwards and Hough. the City of St. Louis, and is probably worth | Morgan, G. G. Brooke, J. Hildebrand, J. C. Tebbs and J. H. Woolfe.

> adjourned until to-morrow at 9 o'clock, A. M. N. B. There are about 140 ministers present, and quite an exciting time is looked ing the meetings of Conference.

PORT OF CHARLESTON .- In the British House this county oppose the action of the Conof Commons on the 22d ult.,

her Majesty's Minister at Washington and The Hon. Caleb Cushing was the princi- the United States Secretary for Foreign Afsels at the port of Charleston, South Carolina. He observed that at the port in question the federal officers of the States had been superceded, and that that information had The number of boarders is limited to twenty. been given to the British Consul by gentlevention of South Carolina. The House would observe that such a notification placed the the United States imposing stringent penalties for the non-observance of its revenue regulations, and he was, therefore, anxious to know whether her Majesty's Minister at Washington had been instructed to ask the United States Government whether they would hold responsible those British shipmasters who, under pressure of necessity, complied with the order of the Carolina Convention, and whether, on the other hand, they would indemnify them from any consequences that might result from the non-compliance with its regulations?

The British trade with Charleston and the

other Southern ports of the Union was vast

and important, and he felt sure the noble

lord would wish to keep all interested in the trade informed as to their actual position .-He would not go into the general question whether diplomacy should be secret or not, but no one could doubt that to attempt to carry out secret diplomacy with the United States would be as unwise as it would be impractieable. He should regret if her Majesty's Government interfered in any way in the lamentable quarrel which had arisen between their friends and consins on the other side of | Staunton. the Atlantic. He believed that any interference would be as impolitic as it would be unjustifiable, but they still could not forget these two facts-first, that the quarrel had Lord John Russell in reply said:-With regard to the correspondence which the honorable member for Bradford wishes to obtain. I have to state that I shall be most willing to give it, and it will be presented on our Consul at Charleston. He was placed not neglect the interests of British shipping. | Hear, hear. |

THE GREAT GAINES CASE DECIDED .- This year ending September 30, 1860, sets forth morning, Chief Justice Taney rendered the a Convention to change the State Constitu-States in the celebrated case of Mrs. Gen. The goods manufactured and delivered to Caines. It was in her favor on all the points the General Agent during the year, exceeded involved, and was the unanimous judgment of in value the amount of the deliveries of the the Court. The court-room was crowded, Business. preceding year by \$10,928.05, and the and Mrs. G., who was present, received the amount of manufactured articles on hand hearty and unfeigned congratulations of her is \$1,452.38 more than the previous year, host of friends who were there. The amount merchandise. Will make liberal advances on apshowing an increase of \$11,380 43 in the involved is said to be some two millions of proved produce in hand, and remit promptly for manufactures of the last over the previous dollars, covering back rents for fifty years confirmed to her by the decision.

In the ordinance of secession not long since adopted by Louisiana, provision was made that its adoption should in no manner change pending before U. S. Courts. So that action MERCER POTATOES .- 200 bushels White GUANO .- We have on hand a good supply of the State will not effect her rights under this decision .- Washington State of gester. this decision .- Washington Star of gester-KNOX & BRO, day afternoon,

VIRGINIA NEWS.

The town of Staunton is cheerful with the crowd of preachers and laymen called to STAUNTON, March 13.-The Conference attend the session of the Baltimore Annual Conference and a Convention of the Society -a rather uncommon thing among Methodists-to consider the propriety of taking some course with regard to the action of the Rev. Norvel Wilson and Wm. Prettyman | late General Conference, which assembled in

May last, on the subject of slaveholding. FIRE.-The dwelling of Mr. W. O. Bart. ey, about two miles from this village, was consumed by fire between seven and eight o'clock on Monday morning last, caused by a spark from the chimney falling on the roof. Mr. B. succeeded in saving all his furniture. The house was not insured .-- Orange Chronicle.

Edward M. Tidball, esq., of Winchester late a clerk in the War Department at Wast ington, resigned his post immediately after the inauguration. He has been appointed to a respectable and lucrative post in the Navy Department of the Southern Confed-Thomas L. Wilson, formerly a well-known

citizen of Virginia, died in Harrisburg, Penn., on the 28th of March, in the 61st year of his age. For a period of ten years, from 1825 to 1835, he was editor of the Petersburg Intelligencer. The trial of young Addison Logan, fer the killing of J. Kent Anderson, in Mont-

gomery county, has resulted in the acquittal of the accused. He was but sixteen years old-Anderson but eighteen. Mr. Thomas has reported a bill in the Senate to grant a pension for five years to Amanda Higdon. (Her husband died of

The County Court of Montgomery has refused to levy a tax on the people of that county for the purpose of procuring arms for the militia.

service in the Harper's Ferry raid.

Messrs. John Brow & Wm. A. Hill are about to establish a boot and shoe factory at Sperryville. A tannery will be connected with the establishment. A revival of religion is going on in Wash-

ington, Rappahannock county, under charge of Rev. Mr. Vanderslice. Tobacco is rising in the Petersburg market

and the demand increasing.

## COMMUNICATION.

ALBEMARLE COUNTY, March 12 .- A cor-

respondent of the Gazette, who signs him-

self "Z," writing from Charlottesville, has, we think, done the Secessionists, who took bury, Ky., signed by J. P. Bell, of Kentucky | part in the Union meeting on Court day. some injustice. A number of us assembled in the Court House at the ringing of the bell, without knowing what was to be the character of the meeting; and, I believe, when the object was explained, all the Secessionists would have retired, but for the fact Edwards, S. Rogers, J. Gardner, J. W. Kel- that the gentleman who acted the most prominent part, offered the resolutions and made the speech of the occasion, had a few moments before voted against the resoluley, J. Landstreet, S. H. Griffith, William S. tions in the other meeting, and many argued that turn about was fair play. The impresanother case, in which the property is held Ryland, J. W. Tongue, S. H. Cummings, J. sion made by "Z," and also by the Charby the city of New Orleans, and wealthy in-dividuals, not yet decided. The cases how-Baltimore Advocate—Mr. Goheen, Chas. | lottesville Review of last week, in regard to the number who voted for the resolutions endorsing the action of the Peace Conference, is, also, we think, incorrect. The Colonization-Busey, Hamilton, N. J. B. Review and "Z" both say there were about three hundred in the Court House; and the Review says, further, that the resolutions After some business of minor importance were carried by a large majority. The unwas transacted, on motion, the Conference avoidable inference from these statements. is that more than one hundred and fifty voted for the resolutions. We are sure this is a mistake, and we do not believe that forward to by many persons who are attend- either your correspondent, or the Review, is prepared to state that more than thirty persons voted ave. The fact cannot be disguised CLEARANCES OF BRITISH VESSELS IN THE that a very large majority of the people of ference, and we may add that the Secession-Mr. W. E. Forster asked the Secretary of lists think it was the result of bad manageher rights. The persevering and excellent | State for Foreign Affairs whether he had any | ment that we did not get two of our number lady was warmly congratulated upon her objection to lay upon the table of the House into the Convention, instead of one and triumph by ladies and gentlemen, both in a copy of the recent correspondence between about seven-eighths, according to Mr. Southall's position before the election.

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